

## (ONT – ISSO) Update 10 – Immediate Notification – Potential Protest – Sarnia, ON – 08 February 2022

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#### NOTIFICATION - THREAT/EVENT: Potential Protest – Sarnia, ON – 08 February 2022

**Update 10:** As of 08:13 ET, 15 February 2022, the protesters have vacated the location at some point on 14 February 2022. Highway 402 Westbound between Nauvoo Rd and Forest Rd has been cleared and reopened. (Source: FBCL)

**Update 09:** As of 14:13 ET, 12 February 2022, the group of people underneath the Blue Water Bridge are departing. (Source: FBCL)

**Update 08:** As of 12:15 ET, 12 February 2022, new information was received. A group of approximately 30 people has begun to gather underneath the Blue Water Bridge in Point Edward, ON, along the water front. Some members in the group are waving Canada / United States of America flags. The O.P.P was notified. (Source: Federal Bridge Corporation Limited (FBCL))

**Update 07:** As of 07:47 ET, 12 February 2022, new information was received. As of 05:00 ET, the Blue Water Bridge reports border wait times of 120 minutes. No delays for U.S. bound traffic. (Source: Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA))

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**Update 06:** As of 18:22 ET, 11 February 2022, new information was received. the Blue Water Bridge reports border wait times of 3 hours for commercial traffic and no delay for travellers. (Source: Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA))

**Update 05:** As of 06:44 ET on 10 February 2022, CBSA is reporting that Highway 402 remains closed at Nauvoo Road (Rd). The convoy is blockading the westbound 402 at Nauvoo Rd. Transport trucks are being rerouted off Highway 402 at Watford Rd by the OPP. (Source: CBSA)

**Update 04:** At 18:50 ET, 09 February 2022, new information was received. VIA Rail Police (Canada) reported receiving a message that the Sarnia Truck Convoy is planning to put blocks on the train tracks to block trains. Canadian National Railway (it is their track that VIA operates on) is aware of this, is continuing to

monitor the situation and has notified all their staff (including Police) to keep an eye out on all the level grade crossings and overpasses. Their concern is that if this event does come to fruition they will not have the resources to manage it. If there is a blockade, there will be a greater impact to CN operations than VIA which only has one train a day from Toronto, ON to Sarnia, ON. (Source: CBSA)

**Update 03:** At 14:39 ET, 09 February 2022, new information was received. At 13:32 ET, 7 O.P.P. cruisers (5 Cruisers/2 unmarked) arrived on FBCL property. The O.P.P. will staging vehicles in a parking lot adjacent to CBSA Traffic (1505 Venetian Blvd.) Blue Water Bridge advised the SOC that the group of civilians assembling at Centennial Park in SIT-REP#01 left park and headed east bound on Highway 402 (Opposite direction of Blue Water Bridge). (Source: Federal Bridge Corporation Limited (FBCL).

**Update 02:** At 10:47 ET on 09 February 2022, new information was received. As of 08:45 ET on 09 February 2022, at the Blue Water Bridge, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have reported that Highway 402 westbound is closed approximately 40km east of Sarnia. A group of protestors entered the Highway and the OPP are now closing westbound exits leading to the Blue Water Bridge on Highway 402. Truck traffic is being diverted to an Emergency Detour Route (EDR). A separate protest is planned for 12:00 ET near the CBSA Point Of Entry (POE) in a local park, it is expected that the protest will attempt to merge near the POE to impede inbound and outbound border traffic at Sarnia. The border wait time is 4 hrs + for trucks entering Canada. There is no wait time for passenger vehicles. (Source: Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA))

**Update 01:** At 16:40 ET, 08 February 2022, new information was received. The Sarnia Blue Water Bridge is experiencing 135 minute border wait time for trucks with all commercial PIL lanes open, there is a 17 km backup of commercial trucks. No border wait time for passenger vehicles and no protest activity reported. There is a 14 km backlog of trucks waiting to enter the USA at the Blue Water Bridge on Highway 402, US Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) is reporting a 125 minute wait time for trucks. (Source: Canada Border Services Agency)

**Description of threat/event:** At 10:59 ET on 08 February 2022, the Federal Bridge Corporation Limited (FBCL) reported two (2) separate groups of protesters appearing to mass on either side of the Canada-United States (border) with the intention of blocking and halting traffic on either side the Bluewater Bridge (BWB) in Sarnia, ON. The groups are reported aligned with the protesters blocking the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, ON. It is unclear if this is the same group that protested on Highway 402 westbound on 06 February 2022. The intent of this group is reported to be to cause disruption to the border crossing. The group is reported to be bringing lawyers with them to “negotiate their terms” (i.e. food, toilets, etc.) If this protest follows a similar path to the one in Windsor, ON, it is expected that vehicles will be rerouting off of the highway and being to congest the village of Point Edward, ON. As of 12:32 ET traffic is significantly backed up for both east and westbound traffic at the BWB. Eastbound traffic (US) is backed up to Interstate 69 (I-69), while westbound (Canada) traffic is backed up to the Airport Road (Rd) exit on Highway 402 (westbound).

**Source of reporting:** Federal Bridge Corporation Limited (FBCL)

**Current Transport Canada Actions:** Transport Canada – Intermodal Surface Security Oversight (ISSO) has been notified by telephone and via this notification.

**Current Actions (other):** Nil.

**Initial analysis/impact assessment on Canadian Transportation System:** As of 12:32 ET traffic is significantly backed up for both east and westbound traffic at the BWB. Eastbound traffic (US) is backed up to Interstate 69 (I-69), while westbound (Canada) traffic is backed up to the Airport Road (Rd) exit on Highway 402 (westbound).

**Notification provided to:** DL OTT SITCEN NOTIFICATION – IMMEDIATE INTERNAL, RCMP NOC, Public Safety GOC, DND CJOC

Next Steps: Updates will be provided should new information become available.

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